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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes; the Government have directed the withdrawal under certain stipulations of registration under the Indian Factories Act of the workshop in question.

Forests

Limits of the Tirupati forests.

*1516 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU: With reference to the answer to clause (i) of question No. 642 answered on 29th March 1927 regarding the limits of the Tirupati forests, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Tirupati Devastanam is not permitted to sell forest produce, major or minor, within the area that has been given over to the Devastanam at the settlement of disputes in 1873 and add to the revenues of the temple; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to remove such restrictions?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No such restriction is imposed on the Tirupati Devastanam. But in the matter of selling any kind of forest produce the temple authorities are required to conform to the Timber Transit Rules like the rest of the general public.

Training of candidates in the Forest College.

*1517 *Q.*—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Forest College at Coimbatore is intended to train only as many candidates as could be absorbed in the Forest Department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that men to be so trained are selected from the department itself;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the number selected for training is in accordance with the requirements of the service;

(*d*) how many men in the department have yet to undergo training;

(*e*) what time it will take to get all the men in the department trained; and

(*f*) whether there is any necessity for maintaining the college permanently?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Forest College is intended to train students deputed by this Government as well as students sent from the large zamindaris and Indian States in this Presidency. Under the existing arrangements, the students deputed by the Governments of Bombay, Central Provinces, Bihar and Orissa, Orissa Feudatory States and Central India and other Indian States, such as Hyderabad, Mysore, are also trained at the college. In addition to these students, a certain number of private students, about two every year, are eligible for admission into the college.

(*c*) Up to 1925, the number of Government students deputed for training was regulated in accordance with the probable vacancies in the Rangers' class. But for three years from 1925, a

larger number of students was deputed for training with a view to afford early opportunities of Rangers' training to the foresters of the old Deputy Rangers' class.

(*d*) & (*e*) It is not the intention to train all the men in the department.

(*f*) Yes.

Recruitment of Forest officers from England.

*1518 *Q.*—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many officers are recruited for Forest Service year after year from England;

(*b*) when the last batch of officers was so recruited;

(*c*) whether there was any necessity for such last recruitment;

(*d*) whether the Secretary of State for India consults the Provincial Governments before such recruitment is made about the necessity or otherwise of such officers in the department;

(*e*) how many officers above the grade of Range officers are now in the Forest Department;

(*f*) what is the proportion of officers to the number of Range officers in the department;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that about 50 Range officers were put on special duty for want of regular work;

(*h*) what is the nature of such special work and whether such work could not be done by the regular establishment; and

(*i*) when such special work was conceived to be done whether before or after it was found that some Range officers had no work to be given to them?

A.—(*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) The total number of officers recruited every year depend on the requirements of the department and the number of vacancies existing at the time. The number of officers to be recruited thus every year is decided by the Local Government and intimated to the Government of India. The Secretary of State makes the appointments in consideration of the requirements of the provinces as intimated to the Government of India.

(*b*) One officer appointed by the Secretary of State arrived in October 1927.

(*e*) There are now 94 such officers.

(*f*) The proportion is in the ratio of 1 : 2·3.

(*g*) No. About 60 Rangers are now employed on special duty, i.e., on work other than territorial charges.

(*h*) A statement[a] showing the nature of the special work as in June last is appended. The work could not be done by ordinary Rangers employed in territorial charges.

(*i*) Some posts in the cadre are provided for non-territorial charges, i.e., special duties that are not normally entrusted to Rangers employed on territorial charges.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 89–91 infra.